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EXPORT OF SEA FOOD
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of sea food produced in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, product-wise;

(b) the quantity and value exported during the above period, product-wise, country-wise;

(c) the manner in which the Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) is helping the Indian shrimp farmers;

(d) the extent to which the MPEDA has been successful in this regard; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to further boost the export of marine products in the coming years?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) Details of sea catch and aquaculture shrimp production during he last three years is at Annexure I;

(b) Details of quantity and value of marine exports during the last three years and the current year, product and country wise are at Annexure − II;

(c) MPEDA has taken the following steps to help the Indian shrimp farmers :-

(i) the National Centre for Sustainable Aquaculture (NaCSA) has been established at Kakinada for providing extension services to farmers in the states of Andhra Pradesh, Tamilnadu, Orissa & Karnataka. NaCSA promotes the organisation of farmers into clusters to popularize Better Management Practices and safe production methods-Residue less shrimps;

(ii) MPEDA has launched Mission Mode Programme in Gujarat, Maharashtra and Orissa to expand aquaculture.;

(iii) A project for development of specific pathogen free broodstock and domestication of shrimp is under implementation in A&N Islands.;

(iv) An Aquatic Quarantine facility for use when L. vannamei broodstock is imported, is being set up in the Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Aquaculture (RGCA);

(v) MPEDA has launched the Indian Organic Aquaculture Project with technical assistance from the Swiss Import Promotion Programme (SIPPO). Recently organic freshwater prawn was farmed and cultivated for the first time in the world in Kerala. The programme is in progress in Andhra Pradesh also;

(vi) MPEDA is working with the Norwegian Government to develop cage farming of fin fish in the country. The project is expected to take off in 2009;

(vii) MPEDA is setting up six labs in Andhra Pradesh to screen shrimp for antibiotic residue;

(d) Due to the concerted and consolidated efforts of MPEDA, brackishwater shrimp farming and freshwater prawn farming has developed in India. This has substantially contributed to increase in seafood exports from India. During 2007-08, shrimp and the scampi produced from the culture ponds in India stood at 1.33 lakh MT. Cultured shrimp value stood at Rs.2836 crore out of total shrimp export of Rs.3907 crore from India;

(e) MPEDA is operating a number of subsidy schemes for production and export of marine products from India. It is expected that the export of marine products will increase from the current level of 0.61 MT to 2 MT by the 2017. Details of some of the schemes operated by MPEDA are at Annexure − III.